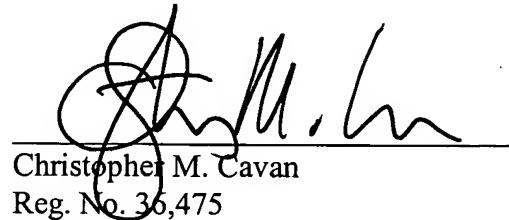


REMARKS

In an Office Action dated September 9, 2004, claims 29 and 30 were allowed and claim 31 was rejected. Although Applicants disagree with the rejection of claim 31, Applicants have cancelled claim 31, and seek early issuance of allowed claims 29 and 30.

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